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Annotations

1. Election of officers

In accordance with rule 15 of the rules of procedure and past practice, the Statistical Commission will elect, at its first meeting, a Chairman, three Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur to serve from the beginning of the twenty-seventh session of the Commission to the beginning of the twenty-eighth session.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

The items on the provisional agenda and the corresponding documentation were considered by the Statistical Commission at its twenty-sixth session 1/ and approved by the Economic and Social Council in its decision 1991/310 of 26 July 1991.

During the twenty-sixth session of the Commission, several proposals were advanced by individual participants for a fundamental restructuring of the agenda for the twenty-seventh session of the Commission. The Commission's Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Coordination considered the provisional agenda and documentation at its fourteenth session (see E/CN.3/1993/2, paras. 36 to 69). The Working Group concluded that the issue was basically one of how best to arrange the agenda to promote the Commission's ability to carry out its major functions within the constraints imposed by such factors as the number of days assigned for the session and limits on documentation.

The Working Group considered that, while a fundamental restructuring of the agenda was not necessary, a number of changes could usefully be introduced. In particular, there was agreement that a new effort should be made to identify those items or sub-items that were expected to be largely for discussion and others that were for information. At the same time, it was recognized that, when participants wished to discuss an item, they could not be prevented from doing so.

The Working Group endorsed the agenda, with the following additions and modifications: (a) it endorsed the sub-item structure for the agenda (see provisional agenda as shown on pages 1 and 2); (b) it added identifications to items or sub-items to indicate whether they were expected to be largely for discussion or for information (see annex); (c) it selected, as the special topic under agenda item 3, "Strengthening international statistical cooperation"; (d) it added the report on the programme to monitor the achievement of social goals in the 1990s and related methodological work, listed under agenda item 13 (d), to agenda item 12 (b); (e) it added the report of the Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Coordination on its fourteenth session, listed under agenda item 14, to agenda

item 3; and (f) it added the report of the Working Group on its fifteenth session to agenda items 3 and 14.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the organization of the work of the session (E/CN.3/1993/L.1)

3. Special topic

Strengthening international statistical cooperation

The Statistical Commission, at its twenty-sixth session, requested the Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Coordination to consider the question of strengthening international statistical cooperation (E/1991/25, para. 219 (a)).

The Working Group addressed this matter at its fourteenth session and concluded that it would be appropriate at the current time to carry out a general review of the structure and operation of the global statistical system and of international statistical cooperation, including the role and work of the Statistical Office of the United Nations Secretariat (E/CN.3/1993/2, paras. 79 and 82). The Working Group commissioned an independent review group to carry out the general review (E/CN.3/1993/2, para 80). It also welcomed the offer made by the Director of the Statistical Office to submit a report of the Secretary-General on the same subject to the Working Group (E/CN.3/1993/2, para. 79). The Working Group will examine the reports of the review group and of the Secretary-General at its fifteenth session.

The Commission will have before it the report of the Working Group on its fourteenth session, outlining, inter alia, its considerations in calling for the general review, which included: (a) the rapid economic and political changes that were occurring in many parts of the world, with significant implications for international statistical work; (b) escalating demands for statistics that were more detailed and internationally comparable; (c) recent initiatives in international statistical cooperation in Europe and, in particular, in relation to statistical standards; and (d) resource situation for statistical work nationally and internationally, which placed extra pressure on statistical development at the national and international levels (E/CN.3/1993/2, paras. 75-77). The Commission will also have before it the report of the Working Group on its fifteenth session, containing, inter alia, the Working Group's conclusions with regard to the matters addressed in the reports of the independent review group and of the Secretary-General. It will also have before it a report of the Secretary-General containing his comments on the conclusions of the Working Group at its fifteenth session and on the implementation of the recommendations of the Working Group at its fifteenth session.

The reports of the independent review group and of the Secretary-General, which had been reviewed by the Working Group, will be available to the Commission as background documents.

Also available will be the proposed programme of work of the Statistical Office of the United Nations Secretariat for the biennium 1994-1995 and proposed revisions to the statistics programme of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997.

Documentation

Report of the Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Coordination on its fourteenth session (E/CN.3/1993/2)

Report of the Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Coordination on its fifteenth session (E/CN.3/1993/21)

Report of the Secretary-General on the global statistical system and international statistical cooperation, and comments on the conclusions contained in the report of the Working Group on its fifteenth session (E/CN.3/1993/3)

Note by the Secretary-General on the proposed programme of work of the Statistical Office of the United Nations Secretariat for the biennium 1994-1995, including proposed revisions to the statistics programme of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 (E/CN.3/1993/25)

Proposed programme of work of the Statistical Office of the United Nations Secretariat for the biennium 1994-1995 and related information (E/CN.3/1993/CRP.1)

Proposed revisions to the statistics programme of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 (E/CN.3/1993/CRP.2)

4. National accounts and balances

(a) System of National Accounts (SNA)

The Secretary-General will submit a progress report summarizing the work programme and actions implemented by the Inter-Secretariat Working Group on National Accounts. The report will provide a brief history of the revised SNA review process and will highlight the main agreements reached on substantive issues. It will also identify the main changes in the revised SNA as compared to the 1968 SNA and will evaluate the overall impact of those changes in the national accounts aggregates. The report will inform the Commission on the development and drafting of a number of handbooks and compilation guides and will elaborate in particular on the two priority handbooks: SNA for countries in transition and inflation accounting. Finally, it will propose mechanisms for keeping the revised SNA methodological guidelines up to date, as well as substantive topics that may need to be addressed in the future.

The final draft of the revised SNA will be submitted to the Commission for its views and the Commission will be invited to recommend its formal adoption by the Economic and Social Council.

The International Labour Office will submit a report on the measurement of employment in the informal sector, highlighting the progress made since the twenty-sixth session of the Statistical Commission towards setting new international standards on this topic.

The report will contain two parts. Part I will describe the scope and conceptual framework, its relationship with the System of National Accounts, the NHSCP Survey of Household Economic Activities, the United Nations Statistical Programme for Household and Small-scale Industries and the work of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW) on measuring women's economic activity in the informal sector. Part II will be the integral text of the draft resolution on this topic prepared by ILO for submission to the Fifteenth International Conference of Labour Statisticians (ICLS), scheduled to be held in January 1993. The main conclusions reached at the Fifteenth ICLS will be presented orally to the Commission and the final version of the resolution adopted by the Fifteenth ICLS will be circulated as a background document.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the revision of the System of National Accounts (SNA) (E/CN.3/1993/4)

Final draft of the revised System of National Accounts (SNA) (PROV/ST/ESA/STAT/SER.F/REV.4)

Report of the International Labour Office on the informal sector (E/CN.3/1993/5)

(b) Implementation of the revised System of National Accounts (SNA)

The Secretary-General will submit a report outlining the new orientation for the implementation of the revised SNA, that is, the expansion of the present production orientation and implementation of the income, financial flows and balance-sheet accounts of the SNA. The analytical features of the integrated accounts will be emphasized, more flexible ways of implementation will be sought and the development of appropriate extensions to the system (satellite accounts) will be applied. Special attention will be given to implementation in countries now or formerly using the System of Balances of the National Economy (MPS), including the countries in transition. The report will identify key elements required for successful implementation (role of handbooks, training, workshops etc.). It will also contain a tentative timetable and preliminary estimates of the resources required. The report will contain information on resources thus far committed to the process of

implementation, and on efforts made to identify potential sources of assistance and to explore funding possibilities with them.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the revised System of National Accounts (SNA) (E/CN.3/1993/6)

5. International economic classifications

(a) Implementation of the International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities (ISIC), Rev.3, and the Provisional Central Product Classification (CPC)

The Secretary-General will submit a report on the implementation of the International Standard Industrial Classification (ISIC), Rev.3, and the Provisional Central Product Classification (CPC). The report will focus on the results of a survey received from national statistical offices on the implementation of ISIC, Rev.3, and the Provisional CPC. It will review specific issues of implementation of ISIC, Rev.3, and the Provisional CPC related to countries in transition. The report will also describe non-statistical uses of the Provisional CPC and the work on the development of other classifications.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the International Standard Industrial Classification (ISIC), Rev.3, and the Provisional Central Product Classification (CPC) (E/CN.3/1993/7)

(b) International Classification of Status in Employment (ICSE)

The International Labour Office will submit a report on the revision of the International Classification of Status in Employment (ICSE) setting out the work carried out since the twenty-sixth session of the Statistical Commission towards revising ICSE. It will contain two parts. Part I will describe the scope and substantive aspects concerning the revision of the classification, including its structure and definitions of various categories. Part II will contain the draft resolution on this subject to be submitted to the Fifteenth International Conference of Labour Statisticians (ICLS), scheduled to be held in January 1993. The main conclusions reached at the Fifteenth ICLS will be presented orally to the Commission.

Documentation

Report of the International Labour Office on the International Classification of Status in Employment (ICSE) (E/CN.3/1993/8)

6. Industrial statistics

The Secretary-General will submit a report on the status of industrial statistics programmes at the national level. Section I of the report will contain a review of national practices with respect to current industrial statistics programmes, as well as the stated intentions of national statistical offices to participate in the 1993 World Programme of Industrial Statistics.

Section II will describe the documentation prepared as part of the 1993 World Programme of Industrial Statistics, namely, the technical report on strategies for dealing with problems of capturing reliable and timely information on industrial activity and guidance for the conversion from Rev.2 to Rev.3 of the ISIC.

Section III will contain a review of technical cooperation needs for the 1993 World Programme.

Points for discussion, presented in section IV, will focus on the need for current industrial statistics and on technical cooperation needs for the 1993 World Programme, as requested by the Commission's Working Group on International Statistics Programmes.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the World Programme of Industrial Statistics (E/CN.3/1993/9)

7. Service statistics

The Secretary-General will submit a report on the work done by national and international agencies in the field of service statistics. The report will focus on methodological developments, the contributions of the Voorburg Group on service statistics, use by countries of the services parts of the provisional Central Product Classification (CPC) and the International Standard Industrial Classification (ISIC), Rev.3, as well as the current and planned methodological work of international agencies.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the work done by national and international agencies in the field of service statistics (E/CN.3/1993/10)

8. Price statistics

The Secretary-General will submit a report on the International Comparison Programme (ICP). The report will contain a review of the final results of the phase V global comparison (reference year 1985) and the completion of the 1990 European Comparison Programme. It will discuss the status of each regional comparison of phase VI and summarize ongoing

activities to promote the implementation of the 1993 global comparison. The methodological aspects of the linkage of the regional comparisons into a world comparison, in particular the core commodity approach, will be considered. The report will contain a review of the preparation and dissemination of technical documents, including the handbook on ICP, as well as the progress achieved in preparing the information brochure on ICP. The organizational and financial issues, with special attention to the coordination of operations at the country, regional and global levels, will be described. The report will also present, in collaboration with the World Bank, a review of ways in which the integration of ICP work into national programmes can be promoted.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on developments in the International Comparison Programme (ICP) and other related international comparison issues (E/CN.3/1993/11)

9. Demographic and social statistics

(a) Population and housing censuses

Section I of the report of the Secretary-General on demographic and social statistics, including statistics on the advancement of women, will contain a discussion on population and housing censuses. It will summarize the 1990 World Population and Housing Census Programme carried out by countries around the world. Efforts relating to evaluation, dissemination and utilization of census results will be briefly described. Further important issues and needs arising in the context of the 1990 round will be pointed out, with a view to considering substantive preparations necessary for the 2000 round of population and housing censuses.

Section III will contain a brief description of the new activity, funded by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), to strengthen the Demographic Yearbook database and its potential for dissemination, using microcomputer technology, of historical time series as well as cross-sectional data on various aspects of population. Section III will also contain a brief progress report on the collection, compilation and dissemination of housing and human settlements statistics.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on demographic and social statistics, including statistics on the advancement of women (E/CN.3/1993/12, sects. I and III)

(b) Civil registration and vital statistics

Section II of the report of the Secretary-General on demographic and social statistics, including statistics on the advancement of women, will discuss civil registration and vital statistics. It will contain a summary of

progress made towards achieving the objectives of the workshops and related methodological studies to assess the obstacles faced and the feasibility of accelerating the improvement of civil registration and vital statistics systems. Major highlights of the workshop held at Buenos Aires in December 1991 and further work planned will be presented.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on demographic and social statistics, including statistics on the advancement of women (E/CN.3/1993/12, sect. II)

(c) Statistics on special population groups

Section IV of the report of the Secretary-General on demographic and social statistics, including statistics on the advancement of women, will contain a discussion on statistics on special population groups. It will discuss progress made in the methodology and compilation of statistics concerning various special population groups, including children, youth, the elderly, disabled persons etc. It will in particular describe work on the standards for data collection and classification, the updating of the Disability Statistics Database and dissemination.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on demographic and social statistics, including statistics on the advancement of women (E/CN.3/1993/12, sect. IV)

(d) Statistics on the advancement of women

The Secretary-General will submit a report on statistics on the advancement of women as section V of the document on demographic and social statistics, including statistics on the advancement of women. It will describe progress made in the development of statistics on the advancement of women and the disaggregation of all statistics by sex, including the development of statistical concepts and methods in this field, compilation and dissemination, and cooperation with countries. It will also describe plans for the preparation of statistical documentation on women's situation for the 1995 World Conference on Women and cooperation with the Commission on the Status of Women and the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on demographic and social statistics, including statistics on the advancement of women (E/CN.3/1993/12, sect. V)

10. Environment statistics

The Secretary-General will submit a report on environment statistics, reviewing ongoing methodological work and describing draft reports on selected topics prepared in the context of the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Advancement of Environment Statistics. Progress made in environmental accounting, in particular, the SNA Handbook of Integrated Environmental and Economic Accounts, will be addressed. The report will describe cooperation activities with international organizations through the Intersecretariat Working Group on Environmental Data and the Administrative Committee on Coordination Subcommittee on Statistical Activities. The report will contain a review of the progress made in the development and establishment of regional and national programmes of environmental data collection, as well as support for technical cooperation activities. The progress made and obstacles encountered in the implementation of the programme of work, as approved by the Statistical Commission at its twenty-sixth session, will be discussed.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on progress made in environment statistics (E/CN.3/1993/13)

11. Tourism statistics

The World Tourism Organization (WTO) will submit a report on draft recommendations on tourism statistics based on the reports of the International Conference on Travel and Tourism Statistics held at Ottawa in June 1991. It will include basic concepts, definitions and classifications proposed for tourism statistics. In addition, WTO will present a draft Standard International Classification of Tourism Activities (SICTA), as well as definitions of tourism consumption expenditure. The report will also contain a description of further work contemplated by WTO, in cooperation with other organizations, in the development of satellite accounts for tourism and performance indicators for the tourism industry. Also included in the report will be an outline of the strategy for improvement of tourism statistics.

Documentation

Report of the World Tourism Organization on draft recommendations on tourism statistics (E/CN.3/1993/14)

Draft Standard International Classification of Tourism Activities (SICTA) (PROVISIONAL, ST/ESA/STAT/SER.M/83)

12. General development and integration of methodological work, including development indicators

(a) General development and integration of methodological work

The Secretary-General will submit a summary report on the overall methodological work in the Statistical Office of the United Nations Secretariat and on the ongoing work in the areas of energy and international trade and transport statistics. A joint report prepared by the Secretary-General and the Director-General of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade on the future relationship between the Standard International Trade Classification (SITC) and the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (HS), in the light of the planned revision to the HS effective 1 January 1996, will be issued as an addendum.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the general development and integration of methodological work (E/CN.3/1993/15) and joint report prepared by the Secretary-General and the Director-General of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade on the future relationship between the Standard International Trade Classification (SITC), and the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (HS) (E/CN.3/1993/15/Add.1)

(b) Development indicators

This sub-item has been included in the agenda of the Commission by the Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Coordination at its fourteenth session, pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/94 on patterns of consumption and qualitative indicators of development. In that resolution, the Council, inter alia, requested the Statistical Commission to keep the issue of patterns of consumption and qualitative indicators of development under consideration, with a view to assisting the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council in their appraisal of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade and, in particular, the mid-term review.

The United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD) will submit a report on the papers, discussion and conclusions of the Meeting of Experts on Social Development Indicators held at Rabat from 8 to 11 April 1991, convened pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/94. The report will also deal with various possibilities of undertaking further work on qualitative indicators of development, as recommended by the meeting.

The report of the Secretary-General on the programme to monitor the achievement of social goals in the 1990s and related methodological work, which was requested by the Commission at its twenty-sixth session, is being made available to the Commission, for information, in connection with the present agenda item. It is being submitted to the Commission for discussion under agenda item 13 (d), "Monitoring the achievement of social goals in the 1990s".

Documentation

Report of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development on the patterns of consumption and qualitative aspects of development (E/CN.3/1993/16)

Report of the Secretary-General on the programme to monitor the achievement of social goals in the 1990s and related methodological work (E/CN.3/1993/20)

13. Technical cooperation

(a) Technical cooperation in statistics

The Secretary-General will submit a report dealing with technical cooperation activities in statistics. The report will include a summary of expenditures in technical cooperation programmes in statistics by the United Nations system and by several multilateral organizations during the period 1989-1992. The impact of General Assembly resolution 44/211 and the new agency support arrangements on the provision of technical cooperation in statistics are addressed in the report. A report on overall statistical development in Africa, prepared by the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) and the World Bank, will be available as a background paper.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on technical cooperation in statistics (E/CN.3/1993/17)

(b) National Household Survey Capability Programme (NHSCP)

(c) Social Dimensions of Adjustment (SDA) Programme and the Living Standards Measurement Study (LSMS)

The Secretary-General will submit two reports, prepared jointly by the United Nations Secretariat and the World Bank, each pertaining to sub-items 13 (b) and 13 (c), as requested by the Working Group of the Statistical Commission. One report will provide information on the programmes covered by the two sub-items, respectively, and will be for information purposes. The other report will be issues-oriented and will include relevant information on coordination and collaboration and steps taken to improve those aspects in the implementation of the respective programmes. A report on overall statistical development in Africa, prepared by ECA and the World Bank, will be available as a background paper.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on progress made in the National Household Survey Capability Programme (NHSCP), the Social Dimensions of Adjustment (SDA) Programme and the Living Standards Measurement Study (LSMS) (E/CN.3/1993/18)

Report of the Secretary-General on issues relating to the National Household Survey Capability Programme (NHSCP), the Social Dimensions of Adjustment (SDA) Programme and the Living Standards Measurement Study (LSMS) (E/CN.3/1993/19)

(d) Monitoring the achievement of social goals in the 1990s

The Secretary-General will submit a progress report on the programme to monitor the achievement of social goals in the 1990s, which was endorsed by the Commission at its twenty-sixth session (paras. 129 and 135). The programme is being developed as an outcome of an inter-agency (United Nations Development Programme/UNFPA/United Nations Children's Fund/Statistical Office of the United Nations Secretariat) initiative. Coordination and technical studies for the programme, undertaken by an inter-agency working group, are described in the report, as well as the current status of development and funding. Some methodological issues in monitoring social goals are contained in the report of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development, discussed under agenda item 12 (b). A report on overall statistical development in Africa, prepared by ECA and the World Bank, will be available as a background paper.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the programme to monitor the achievement of social goals in the 1990s and related methodological work (E/CN.3/1993/20)

Report of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development on the patterns of consumption and qualitative aspects of development (E/CN.3/1993/16)

14. Coordination and integration of international statistical programmes

The Commission will have before it the reports of the Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Coordination on its fourteenth session, held at Geneva from 17 to 20 September 1991, and on its fifteenth session, to be held in New York from 29 June to 1 July 1992.

The report on the fourteenth session includes the outcome of the Working Group's review of (a) amendments to the SITC, Rev.3, in the light of amendments to the HS, (b) reconciliation of international trade statistics, (c) progress and plans for the revision of the SNA, (d) effects of the structural adjustment programmes and the debt burden on the work programmes of national and international statistical services, (e) coordination of statistical data-collection activities of international organizations, (f) evaluation of the survey programmes of the United Nations and the World Bank, (g) the provisional agenda and documentation for the twenty-seventh session of the Statistical Commission, (h) initiatives being undertaken by international organizations to accelerate statistical development, and (i) strengthening international statistical cooperation. Under the

last-mentioned item, the Working Group decided to carry out a general review of the structure and operation of the global statistical system and international statistical cooperation and requested its Chairman to form a review group, consisting of himself and others, to carry out the general review. It also welcomed the offer made by the Director of the Statistical Office to submit a report of the Secretary-General on the same subject.

The report of the Working Group on its fifteenth session will include the Working Group's conclusions with regard to the matters addressed in the reports of the independent review group and of the Secretary-General, in accordance with the Working Group's decision at its fourteenth session. It will also include the results of the Working Group's consideration of progress made in the revision of the SNA.

In addition, the coordination aspects of the report of the Secretary-General on the statistical work of international organizations, mentioned under agenda item 15 (a), and the report of the Secretary-General on the plans of international organizations in the field of statistics, mentioned under agenda item 15 (b), will be considered.

Documentation

Report of the Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Coordination on its fourteenth session (E/CN.3/1993/2)

Report of the Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Coordination on its fifteenth session (E/CN.3/1993/21)

Report of the Secretary-General on the statistical work of international organizations (E/CN.3/1993/22)

Report of the Secretary-General on the plans of international organizations in the field of statistics (E/CN.3/1993/23)

15. Programme questions

(a) Programme performance and implementation

The Secretary-General will submit a report containing an overall review of the principal statistical activities of international organizations for the years 1990 and 1991. The focus will be on major achievements and important changes in the activities of the organizations. The Secretary-General will also submit a report containing information on significant developments that have occurred since the various substantive reports for the Commission were completed and information on any important developments in areas of work not already covered by the agenda of the Commission.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 39/238, the Commission will also have before it the relevant parts of the report of the Secretary-General on the programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 1990-1991 and of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the work of its thirty-second session (A/47/16).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the statistical work of international organizations (E/CN.3/1993/22)

Report of the Secretary-General on updated information on the work of the Statistical Office of the United Nations Secretariat, including information on programme performance during the biennium 1990-1991 and part of 1992 (E/CN.3/1993/24)

(b) Programme objectives and planning

The Commission will have before it a note by the Secretary-General providing information on the proposed programme of work of the Statistical Office of the United Nations Secretariat for the biennium 1994-1995, including proposed revisions to the statistics programme of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997. The document will serve, inter alia, as a covering note for the conference room papers containing the proposed programme of work for the biennium 1994-1995 (E/CN.3/1993/CRP.1) and the proposed revisions to the statistics programme of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 (E/CN.3/1993/CRP.2).

With regard to the programme of work for the biennium 1993-1994, the report will contain, in addition to the proposed programme of work of the Statistical Office for 1993-1994, (a) priorities proposed for 1993-1994, (b) comparative information on the number of professional work-months assigned to each subprogramme and other components for 1992-1993 and 1994-1995. Bearing in mind the improved way that had been adopted for presenting work-programme information to the Conference of European Statisticians, every effort would be made to present the work information on the proposed programme of work for 1994-1995 in a more transparent manner, so as to facilitate discussion by the Commission.

With regard to the proposed revisions to the medium-term plan, some changes may need to be introduced in the area of environment, resulting from decisions taken at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (Rio de Janeiro, 1-12 June 1992).

Another document submitted to the Commission for consideration will be the report of the Secretary-General on the plans of international organizations in the field of statistics. The report will cover new additions to and major changes in existing plans for the relevant plan periods of the international organizations.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General on the proposed programme of work of the Statistical Office of the United Nations Secretariat for the biennium 1994-1995, including proposed revisions to the statistics programme of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 (E/CN.3/1993/25)

Proposed programme of work of the Statistical Office of the United Nations Secretariat for the biennium 1994-1995 and related information (E/CN.3/1993/CRP.1)

Proposed revisions to the statistics programme of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 (E/CN.3/1993/CRP.2)

Report of the Secretary-General on the plans of international organizations in the field of statistics (E/CN.3/1993/23)

16. Provisional agenda for the twenty-eighth session of the Commission

In accordance with rule 9 of the rules of procedure, the Commission will have before it the provisional agenda for its twenty-eighth session, together with an indication of the documents to be submitted under each item and the legislative authority for their preparation.

In resolution 1979/41, the Council decided that the provisional agenda for its subsidiary bodies, together with the list of requested documentation, should be submitted to the Council for its review, in order, inter alia, to establish greater consistency between the request for documentation and the medium-term plan and the programme budget.

By resolution 1989/114 on further measures for the implementation of Council resolution 1988/77 on the revitalization of the Economic and Social Council, the Council urged its subsidiary bodies to implement fully resolution 1979/41 in submitting to the Council for consideration their provisional agenda together with the list of requested documentation, with a view to ensuring greater consistency in requests for documentation and improving reporting procedures. In this connection, it will be recalled that the Council urged all its subsidiary bodies to exercise the utmost restraint in making requests of the Secretary-General for new reports and studies and to implement fully the decisions of the Council and of the General Assembly with respect to the control and limitation of documentation (Council resolutions 1981/13 and 1982/50).

By decision 1983/163, the Council decided to request the Secretary-General to bring to the attention of intergovernmental and expert bodies, before decisions are adopted, any request for documentation that exceeds the ability of the Secretariat to prepare and process on time and within its approved resources and to draw the attention of intergovernmental bodies to areas where duplication of documentation is likely to occur and/or

where opportunities for integrating or consolidating documents that dealt with related or similar themes might exist, with a view to rationalizing documentation.

Documentation

Draft provisional agenda for the twenty-eighth session of the Commission

17. Report of the Commission on its twenty-seventh session

The Commission will adopt the report on its twenty-seventh session, which will be submitted to the Economic and Social Council.

Attention is drawn to Council resolution 1989/114 on further measures for the implementation of Council resolution 1988/77 on the revitalization of the Economic and Social Council, in which the Council requested its subsidiary bodies to highlight policy recommendations and decisions resulting from their deliberations for consideration and appropriate action by the Council.

Notes

1/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1991, Supplement No. 5 (E/1991/25 and Corr.1), chaps. I and XV.

Annex

AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION OR FOR INFORMATION

Items for discussion		Items for information	
3	Special topic		
4 (a), 4 (b)	SNA		
5 (a), 5 (b)	Classifications		
6*	Industrial	6*	
7	Services		
8	Prices		
9 (a),* 9 (d)	Demographic and social	9 (a),* 9 (b), 9 (c)	Demographic and social
10*	Environment	10*	
11	Tourism		
12 (a)*	General development of methodology	12 (a)*	
12 (b)*	Development indicators	12 (b)*	
13 (a)	Technical cooperation		
13 (b)*	NHSCP	13 (b)*	
13 (c)*	SDA and LSMS	13 (c)*	
13 (d)	Monitoring social goals		
14	Coordination		
15 (a)*	Programme implementation	15 (a)*	
15 (b)	Programme planning		

* Part of item.